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1. The Vietnamese patriots, Laos and Khmers are pleased with the views expressed by some American newspaper correspondents on the situation in Indo China.
2. The Committee for Liberation, Lao, Khmer, Vietnam addressed a memorandum to the United States and through the United States to the United Nations asking for the intervention of the Security Council in the Indo Chinese war.
3. HOANG states the French are employing some 25,000 German and Italian troops, who were former SS and Fascist troops, in their campaign in Indo China and yet accuse the Vietnamese of utilizing the services of Japanese officers, forgetting that for three years the Vietnamese were left alone to struggle against the subjects of the Mikado. The French colonialists would like to explain their grave faults by this completely unreasonable insinuation.
4. Indo Chinese are martyred, according to HOANG, by American carbines, American Thompson machine guns, are bombarded by planes made in America and are assailed by soldiers fed with food from the United States. French troops fight in the rear guard; the German SS troops and African troops are at the front.
5. The French Government has decided to crush the Vietnamese and to sign a modus vivendi, of the same nature as that signed with the puppet government of Laos, with a puppet government set up in Hanoi. With the puppet government, which the French claim to be 100% patriotic, France is willing to set up an independent state comparable to the independent state established in Czechoslovakia by Hitler. The Vietnamese are preparing for a long, hard war. Perhaps they will be beaten if the democratic world ignores them, but they will never be reconquered. Ireland is their example. Independence or death are their alternatives.
6. However, HOANG states courage and tenacity are not sufficient. He appeals for material aid from some American or an American society chivalrous enough

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to lend several million Indo Chinese dollars to the Vietnamese. Ho states a few million Indo Chinese dollars are nothing to Americans, but are everything to the Vietnamese. He claims that without American monetary aid to France, France would still be under the domination of Hitler, and that he is not dishonoring himself in asking for a millionth part of what France received from the United States. The people of Vietnam would eternally honor the memory of anyone who sympathized in such a way with their liberty. HOANG states the economy of Vietnam offers possibilities for investment and needs American support to be built up; France has shown herself incapable of such building up.

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